



Theron "Herc" D. Swinford

June 1, 1948 - June 14, 2021

Theron "Herc" Dwight Swinford, age 73 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 7:47 AM, Monday June 14, 2021, at Mattoon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Mattoon, IL.

A graveside service in his honor will be held 11:00 AM, Monday, June 28, 2021, at Zion Hill Cemetery, Paradise Township, Coles County, IL. Pastor Rickey Ferguson will officiate. Military Rites will be conducted by Mattoon VFW Post 4325. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Herc was born June 1, 1948, to the late Theren D. and Betty K. (Farrier) Swinford. He married Peggy D. Arthur (Hutton) on March 13, 2001, in Paducah, KY; she survives and resides in Mattoon, IL. He was previously married to Sally (Wheeler) Parsons. He is survived by one son, T.D. Swinford and fiancée Mindy Shannon of Satellite Beach, FL; one stepdaughter, Erika Arthur and significant other Steven Tipton of Mattoon, IL; one sister, Thaila Hale and husband Jay of Windsor, IL; and one nephew, J.C. Hale and significant other Sara Graham of Windsor, IL; one brother-in-law, Roger Hutton of Monterey, CA. He is preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Greta M. Arthur; and one sister-in-law, Sammy Hutton.

Herc honorably served two tours as a Navy SeaBee during the Vietnam War. He was proud to have been a member of the Patriots group with many others who marched in parades and held candlelight vigils honoring veterans and those missing in action. Herc had been a lifetime member of the Mattoon VFW

Post 4325, and past member of the American Legion, and Eagle's Club. He had worked in construction for Swinford and Son Construction and with other contractors prior to his retirement. Always eager to learn, Herc kept up with current world and local events and sports. He loved watching TCM old movies, nature, and animal shows. Herc will be remembered for his generosity and loyalty to family and friends. He looked forward to meeting with his cronies on Fridays at House Brothers Tavern. Always Proud of TD and Erika, he bragged about them to whoever would listen. Memorials in his honor may be made to Coles County Animal Shelter, 6818 North County Road 1120 East, Charleston, IL 61920. Please visit www.mitchelljerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfune ralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Zion Hill Cemetery

Mattoon, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Mattoon, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Theron "Herc" D. Swinford*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Herc & his family lived across the street from us on Lincoln Ave. in Mattoon back in the day. The whole family was wonderful & we had good times growing up. We played ball a lot & had good conversations. Rest in peace, Herc.*

Dan Taylor

Dan Taylor - June 25, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Kathi L Cobble lit a candle in memory of Theron "Herc" D. Swinford*



kathi l cobble - June 20, 2021 at 10:14 PM



“ *I don't know where to begin on sharing memories. Herc and I had so many. He will be missed.*

Cindy Abraham - June 17, 2021 at 08:30 PM

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“ *Herc and I started school together at Franklin Elementary School when it first opened for our 6th grade year.*

We spent a lot of time together at each other's houses during junior high and high school.

After graduating from MHS we both enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Herc was with the SeaBees and I later served with the USMC after attending Field Medical School at Camp Lejeune.

Unfortunately after we both returned home from the service, we were never able to catch up with each other. Thankfully I have lots of good memories from our time together growing up in Mattoon. See you on the other side my old friend.



Tom Carie - June 17, 2021 at 12:56 PM